

Exhibit A

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FBI
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Attn: Foita Request
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602-4843

Dear Foita Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. The date range of the request is January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005

This request is for any surveillance made or obtained by the FBI through or with the assistance of American Telephone and Telegraph performing electronic surveillance on Joseph Mermelstein, 24 Joy Drive, New Hyde Park, New York 11040 or 2177 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, New York. Reference telephone numbers (516) 365-7178 and (714) 494-9055. We are requesting all records, whereby his telephone calls both oral and electric communications were intercepted, disclosed and intentionally taken by the FBI, its agents, servants, and/or employees and/or AT&T, its agents, servants, and/or employees.

We are requesting copies of all such telephone calls oral and electronic communications intercepted for disclosure intentionally used and given to third parties by the AT&T and the FBI, their agents, servants, and/or employees, during this time period together with copies of same.

Please search the FBI's indices to the central record system for the information response to this request related to the above or any other FBI retained records relating to same.

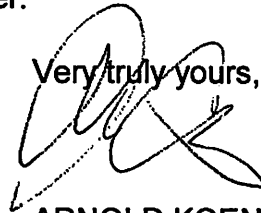
I am willing to pay the normal sum for the processing of this request. Please inform me what the estimated fees will be and same will be sent to you by return mail.

I am seeking information on behalf of my client Joseph Mermelstein and not for commercial use. Your form DLJ-361 is signed by Joseph Mermelstein allowing me to obtain such information and is attached hereto.

This request does not fall under any of the exceptions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. and I52 (a) (4) (b).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AK', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

ARNOLD KOENG

AK:mg.
Encl.

U.S. Department of Justice

Certification of Identity

FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1103-0016
EXPIRES 03/31/17

Privacy Act Statement. In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

Full Name of Requester¹ JOSEPH MERMELSTEINCitizenship Status² UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Social Security Number³ 068 38 9443Current Address % Arnold Koenig Esq. 825 East Gate Blvd Garden City NY 11530Date of Birth 11/1/55 Place of Birth East Meadow NY 11554**OPTIONAL: Authorization to Release Information to Another Person**

This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.

Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:

ARNOLD KOENIG, ESQ. 825 EAST GATE BLVD, GARDEN CITY, NY, 11530

Print or Type Name

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Signature⁴Date 1/22/18

¹ Name of individual who is the subject of the record(s) sought.

² Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

³ Providing your social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide your social security number only to facilitate the identification of records relating to you. Without your social security number, the Department may be unable to locate any or all records pertaining to you.

⁴ Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.